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In re Application of  
Willy Deleersnijder et al et al  
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

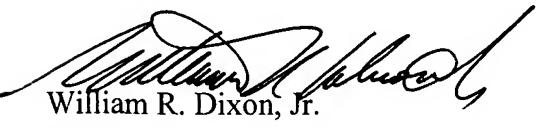
This is in response to applicants' petition filed October 29, 2002, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The following condition applies to the grant of this petition: If, upon examination, it is determined that a restriction requirement is necessary because of multiple inventions being claimed, applicant will be required to make an election without traverse of a single invention to be prosecuted. Failure to make an election without traverse will void the special status accorded in this decision.**

**The application will be forwarded an the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

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